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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON REFUGEE AND MIGRATION  
ASSISTANCE.

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1. AS DEPARTMENT BEGINS PREPARATIONS FOR 1975 CONGRESSIONAL  
HEARINGS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE EMBASSY ANALYSIS AND  
UPDATE OF INFORMATION FURNISHED EARLY IN 1974 ABOUT FRG  
EXPENDITURES FOR REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES.

2. THESE REPORTED EXPENDITURES ARE SO FAR ABOVE THOSE  
FOR ANY OTHER COUNTRY AS TO RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS CON-  
CERNING THEIR APPLICABILITY. PRINCIPAL PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE  
DEFINITIONAL, I.E., HOW LONG DOES A PERSON REMAIN A REFUGEE.  
US AND SOME OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES CONSIDER THAT A PERSON  
CEASES TO BE A REFUGEE WHEN HE BECOMES FIRMLY RESETTLED IN  
A COUNTRY OF ASYLUM, EITHER AS A RESIDENT ALIEN OR AS A  
CITIZEN. CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL ON STATUS OF REFUGEES,  
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OF WHICH FRG IS A PARTY, STIPULATE IN EFFECT THAT A PER-

SON IS NO LONGER A REFUGEE WHEN HE HAS ACQUIRED NATIONALITY OF HIS COUNTRY OF ASYLUM. BY THIS CRITERION IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT MOST BENEFICIARIES OF THE EXPENDITURES LISTED IN THE REFERENCE REPORTS HAVE CEASED TO BE REFUGEES AND ARE

SIMPLY GERMANS WHOSE PREVIOUS RESIDENCES WERE OUTSIDE THE FRG. DOES THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT MAKE SUCH A DISTINCTION? IF SO, IS IT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN DATA ON NUMBERS OF ETHNIC GERMANS AND FOREIGNERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN REFUGEE STATUS?

3. IF ABOVE CRITERION FOR CESSATION OF REFUGEE STATUS IS APPLIED, IT IS PROBABLE THAT MOST FRG BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR GERMAN REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES ARE IN FACT EXPENDITURES FOR FIRMLY RESETTLED GERMANS, AND SHOULD BE OMITTED FROM OUR COMPUTATION OF REFUGEE ASSISTANCE.

4. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF EMBASSY COULD DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE GERMAN AUTHORITIES AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP A REVISED TABULATION OF REFUGEE ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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